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# PREMIER OF JAPAN STABBED IN BREAST AT TOXIO STATION

Great Statesman's Wound of Fatal Character—Was the "Lloyd George" of Empire.

## HORROR VOICED HERE BY NIPPON DELEGATES

### Envoys to Arms Parley Received Threatening Letters on Their Departure for America.

By the Associated Press.
TOKIO, November 4.—Premier Hara was fatally stabbed in the breast today at the railroad station in Tokio.

Depression Follows News.

An hour later another message, filed by the American embassy at Tokio at 10 p.m., was received at the State Department announcing the death of the premier. Secretary Hughes was attending the Friday cabinet meeting when the dispatch arrived, and, on leaving the White House, was told of the assasination by newspaper correspondents. Jie said he was greatly shocked by the

Secretary Hughes, during the after-noon, went to the Japanese embassy to express to Baron Shidehara, the ambassador, his sympathy and that of President Harding. Delegates Horrified.

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The report that Premier Hara had been fatally stabbed caused a thrill of horror among the Japanese delegates.

Mr. Hara was rapidly attaining a predominant position in the political life of Japan, so much so that he was often referred to as the Lloyd George of the empire. He had achieved among other things a kind of working cooperation between the military and civic elements of the government, and had induced the military leaders, who mad heen accused of endeavoring to direct too much the policies of the country, to work more in harmony with the civic departments.

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Before the departure of the Japanese delegation from Tokio threatening letters had been received by various members of the cabinet, and Trince Tokugawa himself, just before embarking on the steamer for the linited States, received a fantastically worded document threatening him with assassination unless he achieved results at Washington of benefit to his country and warning him also that he must not be too "foreign" in his attitude while in the United States. Got Threatening Letters.

### HARA LONG IN POLITICS. Had Been Premier Since 1918, En-

tering Cabinet in 1913. By the Associated Press. The assassination of Premier Hara comes at a dramatic moment, when the Japanese delegation is assembling for the Washington conference, and when Japan is intensely interested in the internatioal issues in which Pre- and Naudain streets, Charles Kramer mier Hara has until now taken such an important part. He had been urged to head the delegation to Washington, and for a time had the matter under consideration, but finally decided that his services would be better employed at home during the discussions at Washington.

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Premier Hara frequently addressed the Japanese diet concerning the serious work ahead for Japan at Washington, and on October 6 he expressed the view that Japan's chief aim would be to put an end to race barriers. He later conferred with the American ambassador at Tokio, and the premier soon afterward announced at a meeting of the government party that Japan was willing to compromise on the Shantung question with China, which had long been a main subject of controversy.

Premier Hara declared, in recent statements, that Japan was ready to accept a limitation of her naval establishment along with the rest of the world, and always keeping in the world. the world, and always keeping in mind the necessities of her national

Tak'ashi Hara has been premier of Japan since 1918, when he formed a cabinet after the fall of the Terauchi ministry, the Sieyu-Kai party, of which he was a leader, taking control. The position of the premier and his party was confirmed by the general election in May, 1920, that party securing a great majority. The premier has had a long and distinguished political career. Born in 1854, he was for some tirt's in the foreign office service, both at home and abroad, and was vice minister for a time in 1895. He joined the late Frince Ito in organizing the Seiyu-Kai party in 1900, and shortly after. The demand for these bonds, which seemed to have been accelerated by mans.

eign office service, both at home and abroad, and was vice minister for a time in 1895. He joined the late Prince Ito in organizing the Seiyu-Kai party in 1800, and shortly afterward became minister of communications in the cabinet. Later he perved again as head of that department of the government in the Seiyu-Kai cabinet of 1806-08, resigning with the fall of that ministry, and traveling in Europe and America in the latter part of 1808 and in 1809. On his visit to this country he was received by President Roosevelt in Washington in September, 1908.

M. Hara re-entered the cabinet in 1812 as minister of home affairs and in 1918 formed the cabinet now in office.

When a youth M. Hara studied law for a time, but early forsook it for journalism, through which work came his introduction into the foreign of-fice service. During a later interval in his political career, in 1896-97, he was chief editor of the Osaka Mainichi, and took up again the chief editorship of that paper for a time before entering the Saionji cabinet as minister of the interior in 1906.

In May, 1920, a plot was discovered to assassinate Premier Hara, the deassassinate Premier Hara, the depublication of the findings of a pre-liminary court which tried a former artilleryman named Ito, charged with planning an attempt against the premier's person. Seven bombs were whether the report would be favorto have been employed in the at-tempted assassination, which was to have taken place on May 8, 1920, the executive business.

### HOLIDAY RESOLUTION. UNKNOWN DEAD HONOR, SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

President Harding today signed a joint congressional resolution stice day, November 11, 1921, a national holiday as a mark of respect to the unknown and unidentified soldiers who were killed in the world war.

The President will in the next few, days issue a proclamation notifying the nation of this natir 1 hollday, at the same time pa, ig his tribute to the unknown dead.

## **RIGGS INTERESTS** TAKE OVER BANK

## Purchase Majority Capital Stock in Hamilton Sav-

ings Institution.

Interests identified with the Riggs National Bank have purchased morthan a majority of the capital stock of the Hamilton Savings Bank, oper-Japanese embassy officials in Wash- ating two institutions, the main bank ington and members of the Japanese at the northwest corner of 14th street delegation to the armament and far and Park road northwest, and the

delegation to the armament and far castern conference received the first news from the Associated Press, and were greatly depressed by the news. Official advices from Tokio announcing that Fremier Hara of Japan had been stabbed fatally were received at the State Department today, soon after press dispatches brought the News of the assassination to the United States.

The message to the State Department, which was filed at 9 p.m., Tokio time, gave no details other than the premier had been stabbed.

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Statement by Mr. Alles.

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Five Bandits Attack Them Within

## **FEATURE MARKET TODAY**

trading on the stock exchange today, Senator trading on the stock exchange today. Senator Watson, referring to the the demand for these securities being relatively far in excess of dealings in stocks.

Senator Watson, referring to the number mentioned in the telegram. "That is the information on which I based my statement."

have taken place on May 5, 1920, the court findings showed.

It was asserted that Ito came to Tokio and purchased a revolver and colories, making his bombs out of the subcommittee and opposed by the republicans being in osives, making his bombs out of the subcommittee and opposed by the democrats, the republicans being in the majority.

# SENATE TO PROBE **WATSON EXECUTION** CH/.RGES FURTHER

Special Committee Ordered to Investigate Treatment of Privates Overseas.

EDGE SCORES GEORGIAN **DURING LONG WRANGLE** 

Southerner Declares Soldier Will Tell Senators All First-Hand Facts.

### Watson's Charges Most Outrageous, Says Gen. Pershing

ly the Associated Press, NASHVILLE, Tenn., November 4.—While here today Gen. John J. Pershing asked to be quoted in reference to the charge of Senator Tom Watson that American soldiers had been hanged overseas without trial. He said:
"It is the most outrageous and untrue accusation that could possibly be made, and

absolutely without foundation."

A new resolution ordering a special ommittee to investigate charges of Senator Watson, democrat, Georgia, regarding treatment of privates in

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Few Yards of Mill as They Are

Carrying Pay Boll Money.

By the Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, November 4.—Five men in an automobile held up two runners of the Corn Exchange Nation Bank today, robbed them of \$5,900 and escaped.

The money constituted the pay roll of the Roosevelt Worsted Mills, at 21st and Naudain streets. Charles Kramer and Henry Disher, the runners, were within a few yards of the mill, when four men walked up and ordered them to throw up their hands. Two men held pistols at the head of each runner and took from them a leather sarchel containing the money and at the head of the money and a the war there appeared the phrase; American People Want Facts. that in the casualty lists issued during the war there appeared the phrase: "Dead from other causes," and asked

Watson Takes Up Frye Case. Taking up the case of the soldier Frye who was killed by a sentry, the speaker declared that he had a constituent in Georgia who saw the com-

Promises Facts for Senate. of the ictory high four years in the Army, would "face the Senate and answer any question which as bravely as he had faced the Gerdel by Irans" year, while '44s' duplicated yesterday's high record of par.

The demand for these bonds, which seemed to have been accelerated by the recent decline in federal reserve rediscount rates, comes from all quarters, according to bond dealers, large corporate interests being among the principal purchasers.

Up to midday sales of the various liberty bonds and victory notes were estimated at \$8,000,000 par value, or more than 75 per cent of the total turnover in the bond market. Greating the second and fourth 4½s, and victory of the military committee, said that was what was proposed by the Senate investigation, ordered, he added, because the Georgia senator indicated lack of confidence in the chairman and other members of the military committee by refusing to come before it.



## Slew Friend Upon Request After Kiss and Embrace

### **Authority for Medical Product** Issued by Commissioner to Two Applicants.

Commissioner Haynes approved today the first two applications from brewers for permits to manufacture and sell beer for medical purposes under the new Treasury regulations. The applications were from Joseph Schlitz of Milwaukee and Plel Brothers of New York, and officials said the permits for them to engage in the medical beer business would be forwarded at once.

Others Being Considered. Other applications from brewers for permits, officials said, would be acted upon rapidly, and where there was no evidence of prior violation of the law or irregularity in the preparations for dealing in medical beer the necessary permits would be forth-coming. coming.

Before the distribution of medical beer to the sick can begin. Commissioner Haynes explained, both physicians and druggists must obtain new

Promises Pasts for Senate.

The Georgia senator declaring senator

and congratulated by the chief executive on his war record. As he left the executive offices he met he left the executive offices he met Representative Kahn, republican, of California, chairman of the House military committee, who also told him that the whole country would always remember him with gratitude.

Sergt. Woodfill was brought to the White House by Senator Ernst of Kentucky, in whose state he is now stationed.

The House today gave an ovation to Sergt. Samuel Woodfill, who occupied a seat in the members' gallery this afternoon, when Representative Benham of Indiana, in whose home district Sergt. Woodfill was born and raised, made a speech to the House extolling the services rendered by Sergt. Woodfill. dered by Sergt. Woodfill.

When Representative Benham pointed him out in the gallery the entire House rose, cheered and applauded for many minutes.

## **WOULD PARDON FIVE** YANKS IN MURDER CASE

# DIFFICULTIES BESET ARMS LIMITATION

### Many Elements Will Enter ficial circles the inference is drawn Into Any Agreement Which Is Proposed.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

this the fifth of a series of significant s. Mr. Lawrence outlines what the naval ts of our government have in mind in ction with "limitation" and "reduction"

Simple words do not always have simple meanings. For instance, the official title of the big conference is "Limitation of Armament." Popularise the gathing has been erroneously called a "disarmament conference." What's the difference between "disarmament" and "limitation of armament." What's the difference between "disarmament" and "limitation of armament" and "limitation of armament" and "limitation of armament" and "limitation of armament" the scrapping of all armies and navies. They believe it impracticable. America would never disarm alone. Nor would the rest of the world be likely to do so. As well might cities

ment"? President Harding and his associates have declared they do not believe in complete disarmament—the scrapping of all armies and navies. They believe it impracticable. America would never disarm alone. Nor would the rest of the world be likely to do so. As well might cities agree to abelish fire departments because the number of fires were gradually being diminished.

Mr. Harding feels that a police force is always necessary. In other words, if armament should be reduced it should never pass below the line of domestic safety. But while disarmament isn't intended, it is less to force they declared to inclusion of a set of maximum reduction figures in the plan to be laid on the table by while disarmament isn't intended, it is also interesting to reveal the fact that "limitation of armament." Naval experts have the same attitude as lawyers toward legal phrases. They have reasoned it out that limitation of armament. They have reaso throw away these obsolete ships if the other nations keep them. So limitation would mean abolishing by common consent the expense of obsolete ships. That could of course be accomplished without any special agreement about new construction. It's the least that the coming con-

the be presented to the Senate as soon as it could reach Washington.

Senator Watson, referring to the senate that the senate that the senate of the scaffold guard that this nume was not disclosed, saying that the senate was not disclosed, saying that the senate was not disclosed, saying that the senator was not disclosed. Senator was not disclosed, saying that the senator was not disclosed of the senator was new construction to the vessels now BIG SALES NOT LIKELY.

the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

Announcement of the Secretary's action was made today by members of Congarded Bar to Large Transactions.

Physical difficulties in the way of delivery of beer for medicinal purposes appeared today to autotmatically forbid sale of beer in any quantity by druggists—the only persons authorized to sell beer on permit under the prohibition regulations.

The federal penitentiary at Leavenworth and the secretary's action was made today by members of Congress who recently appealed to Mr. Weeks in behalf of the mem and recently appealed to Mr. Weeks in behalf of the mem and giving the release of the men and giving the remainder of their enlistments or of applying for immediate discharge of ships, too. Certainly no nation meaning the remainder of the secretary's would absolutely alter the relative would absolutely alter the relative would absolutely alter the relative strength of existing navies. Furthermore, what about the merchant the marine? The merchant ships of today are potentially valuable as commerce destroyers Guns can be mounted to their decks in a few weeks, and they can be converted into warships. England has the biggest merchant marine. America has a vast number of ships, too. Certainly no nation meaning the remainder of their enlistments or of ships, too. Certainly no nation meaning the remainder of the secretary's recommendation would absolutely alter the relative would ab

### SOVIET SERVES NOTICE IT WILL NOT BE BOUND BY WASHINGTON PARLEY

By the Associated Press.

MOSCOW, November 3.—Foreign

Minister Chitcherin sent a note to the entente nations and the United States today saying that Russia will not feel herself bound by the decisions of the Washington con-ference and holds herself free to take any steps necessary to pre-vent their enforcement.

# ARMAMENT FIRST CONFERENCE TOPIC TO BE DISCUSSED

### Naval Strength Likely to Be Considered Before Any Other Issues.

that the American viewpoint of the conference consideration of topics visualizes eventual concurrent attention to armament and far eastern questions by a subdivision of the work. On the agenda armament comes first, however, and unquestionably will be the first subject broached. This is true from the necessity which has been realized of this covernment. rticles. Mr. Lawrence outlines what the naval sperts of our government have in mind in onnection with "limitation" and "reduction" f armament.)

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means scrapping ships now in service but really obsolete. Each navy has a number of such vessels. Once they were first-line fighting craft. Now they are relegated to the rear, but every nation keeps sailors on them and spends a lot of money in maintenance. No one nation likes to throw away these obsolete ships if the other nations keep them. So requisite to their national Japan already has indicated that she would suggest the necessity of maintaining a navy equal to any which might enter her sphere in the far

occupy the active attention of the conference, it is not the expectation of officials here that the live prob-lem of far eastern diplomacy will re-

# **BRITISH COMMONS** WARMLY APPROVES ARMS CONFERENCE

**House Unanimously Adopts** Motion Presented by Labor Members.

HIGH HOPES EXPRESSED FOR SUCCESS OF PARLEY

### League of Nations Declared Incomplete Without America-U. S. Co-Operation Desired.

LONDON, November 4 .- The house of commons today unanimously adopted the motion presented by The American delegation to the labor members "warmly approving" arms limitation conference will meet the approaching Washington conferagain tomorrow at 10 o'clock to re- ence on limitation of armaments and sume consideration of subjects at- far eastern problems. The vote came tendant upon the preliminaries of the after two and a half hours of disgreat international conference, which cussion, in which numerous speakers will hold its opening meeting one supported the resolution and voiced

will hold its opening meeting one week from tomorrow and be addressed by President Harding. The American group continued its session of yesterday until 7:30 last night. It is generally understood in official circles that the American delegates have practically rounded out the policy of this government in the proposal to be made as the basis for limitation of naval armament. Officials decline to announce it in advance, for the obvious reason of the propriety of its being presented first with due official formality to the nations interested. Officials discourage attempts at speculation upon the probable scope of the policy adopted.

Armament Comes First.

From the guarded utterances in official circles the inference is drawn that the American viewpoint of the conference consideration of topics. progressive reduction of the crushing burden of armaments.

burden of armaments."

Mr. Clynes explained that his motion was not offered with any idea of raising a harmful controversy, and in his remarks he avoided all reference to the policies which might be discussed at the conference, confining his speech for the most part to a general dissertation on disarmament. Declares League Incomplete.

ference was in no sense in competition with the leave of nations.

George N. Barnes, former labor party chairman, who was a member of the British delegation at the Paris peace conference and was strongly interobsolete ships. That could or course be accomplished without any special agreement about new construction. It's the least that the coming conference can do.

Merchant Ships Problem.

As for "reduction of armament," this term means actually limiting the

volved.

Hugh O'Neill, speaker of the Ulster parliament, declared that without America the league of nations could not be the great instrument of the peace of the world which had been hoped. Consequently humanity turned to the Washington conference which he trusted would give the sam results as had been hoped for from the league.

## Grateful for Conference.

Austen Chamberlain, the govern-ment leader, said that President Harding's invitation to the conference had been welcomed in England with a unanimity and thankfulness diffiarmament for the moment and address itself directly to the causes for armament.

Other Delegates Due.

British and Canadian delegates to the conference are expected to arrive tomorrow, and the State Department was today working on plans for their appropriate reception at the Union station. Those expected tomorrow are:

a unanimity and thankfu'ness difficult to express in words, and that the accertance of the invitation was in no sense hostile or derogatory to the league of nations.

"We shall I hone, find in Washington," he said "that determination to overcome difficulties which will enable the nations of the world to fulfill the purpose of the President when he summoned the conference to limit armaments and assure peace."